

### Summary

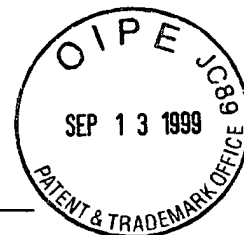
Applicants elected, with traverse, Group VI (Claims 11-17) directed generally to polynucleotides encoding the C23 polypeptides of the invention, methods of producing the same, for examination. The present election and response is believed to be a good faith, fully responsive reply to Paper No. 6 dated 09-AUG-99.

Pending Claims 1-18 clearly and patentably define the invention; therefore, Applicants respectfully request the Examiner pass these claims to allowance at the earliest possible date. Should the Examiner consider this inappropriate, Applicants respectfully request an interview be granted with the undersigned to discuss any related issues. The Examiner is invited to telephone Applicants' representative at (650) 496-1244 to arrange for a mutually convenient time and form for the interview.

Respectfully submitted,

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